

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kate Byrnes, a State Department Pearson Fellow on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, be granted privileges of the floor during consideration of the resolution of ratification of the protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent Paul Gallis of CRS be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on NATO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 130 and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 130) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during "Public Service Recognition Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 130) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 130), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 130

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the commitment of individuals who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas over 20,000,000 men and women work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials perform essential services the Nation relies upon every day;

Whereas the United States of America is a great and prosperous Nation, and public service employees have contributed significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the Nation benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public servants—

- (1) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;
- (2) fight crime and fire;
- (3) deliver the mail;
- (4) teach and work in the schools;

- (5) deliver social security and medicare benefits;

- (6) fight disease and promote better health;

- (7) protect the environment and national parks;

- (8) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

- (9) improve and secure transportation and the quality and safety of water and food;

- (10) build and maintain roads and bridges;

- (11) provide vital strategic and support functions to our military;

- (12) keep the Nation's economy stable;

- (13) defend our freedom; and

- (14) advance United States interests around the world;

Whereas public servants at the Federal, State, and local level are the first line of defense in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas public servants at every level of government are hard-working men and women, committed to doing a good job regardless of the circumstances;

Whereas Federal, State, and local government employees have risen to the occasion and demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and courage while fighting the war against terrorism;

Whereas the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those Federal employees who provide support to their efforts, contribute greatly to the security of the Nation and the world;

Whereas May 5 through 11, 2003, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) commends government employees for their outstanding contributions to this great Nation;

- (2) salutes their unyielding dedication and spirit for public service;

- (3) honors those public servants who have given their lives in service to their country;

- (4) calls upon a new generation of workers to consider a career in public service as an honorable profession; and

- (5) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at all levels of government.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1009 and S. 1019

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1009 introduced by Senator LUGAR earlier today is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1009) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and for other purposes.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will remain at the desk.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1019 introduced today is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1019) to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will remain at the desk.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by S. Res. 149, adopted October 5, 1993, as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75, adopted March 25, 1999, and S. Res. 383, adopted October 27, 2000, the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 108th Congress: Senator BILL FRIST of Tennessee, Majority Leader; Senator TED STEVENS of Alaska, President Pro Tempore (Co-Chairman); Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi (Majority Administrative Co-Chairman); Senator JON KYL of Arizona (Co-Chairman); Senator TRENT LOTT of Mississippi (Co-Chairman); Senator RICHARD LUGAR of Indiana; Senator JOHN WARNER of Virginia; Senator WAYNE ALLARD of Colorado; Senator JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama; and Senator DON NICKLES of Oklahoma.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1237(E) of Public Law 106-398 and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Roger W. Robinson, Jr., of Maryland, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2005; Robert F. Ellsworth of California, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2004; and Michael A. Ledeen of Maryland, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2003.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to executive session and there then be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between

the chairman and ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee prior to a vote on the adoption of the resolution of ratification to the NATO expansion treaty, as provided under the previous order.

I further ask consent that following the vote, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate then return to legislative session and resume the consideration of S. 14, the energy bill; provided further that at 12:15 p.m., on Thursday, the Senate proceed to the vote on invoking cloture on the nomination of Miguel Estrada; further, if cloture is not invoked, the Senate then proceed to the vote on invoking cloture on the nomination of Priscilla Owen. I further ask unanimous consent that if cloture is not invoked on the Owen nomination, then Senator DEWINE be recognized in morning business to speak for up to 15 minutes, to be followed by Senator DASCHLE or his designee for up to 15 minutes in morning business. I further ask consent that following those statements, the Senate proceed

to the consideration of S. 113, the FISA legislation, as under the order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, and for the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning the Senate will immediately vote on the resolution of ratification to the NATO expansion treaty. Senators are asked to be in their seats for this historic vote. Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the energy bill. At 12:15 tomorrow, the Senate will return to executive session for the votes on invoking cloture on the Estrada and Owen nominations. In addition, tomorrow afternoon, the Senate will consider and complete action on the FISA bill. Also, as previously announced, tomorrow the Senate will consider the nomination of John Roberts to be a circuit court judge for the DC Circuit.

Therefore, Members should anticipate rollcall votes throughout the afternoon, with the first vote of the day occurring at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SESSIONS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:53 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate May 7, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD W. ERDMAN, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA.